

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Therefore, claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 are the claims currently pending in the Application.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 are rewritten as independent claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging review and consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 19, 2004.

Claim Objections

Claims 3-6 and 10 are objected because of cited informalities. Claims 3 and 5 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and therefore the objection is moot as to these claims.

Claims 4, 6 and 10 are amended to remove the cited informalities and to clarify features recited. These are not narrowing amendments.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Lambert et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,038,601.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, this rejection is moot.

For at least the reasons set forth in the foregoing discussion, Applicant believes that the Application is now allowable, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and allow the Application. Should the Examiner have

any questions regarding this Amendment, or regarding the Application generally, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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